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PETITION TO ACCEPT DUPLICATE PAPERAtty. Docket No.: ENG-01  
Date: December 17, 2003Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the discovery that a facsimile transmission of the response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003 was never received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The applicant hereby requests that the Commissioner accept a resubmission of the originally filed Response to the Office Action.

We received the Office Action dated July 25, 2003 having a response deadline of October 25, 2003. In response to the Office Action, Michael F. Hay, USPTO Registration No. 54,155, prepared a Response and a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission (under 37 CFR 1.8a): Michael F. Hay signed and dated the certificate of mailing and the document was faxed electronically, from the computer of Michael F. Hay, on August 29, 2003. A copy of the Response and the Certificate of Facsimile Transmission are attached herewith. Confirmation of the facsimile

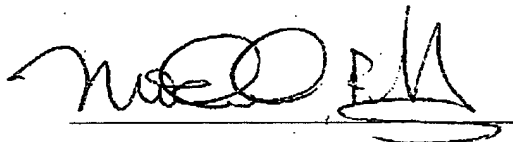
transmission by the USPTO was never received, nor was confirmation of the transmission generated by the computer.

The evidence listed above demonstrates the Applicant's timely response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner grant the Petition to Accept a Duplicate Paper, and accept the Response to the Office Action as timely. As per the instruction of Linda Sholl, this petition is being treated as a petition to withdraw holding of abandonment. As per MPEP §711.03(c)(I), no fee is submitted with this petition.

If the Commissioner does not grant the Petition to Accept a Duplicate Paper, this petition should be treated as a request for Extension of Time (MPEP §710.02(e)), extending the time for reply to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003 for two months from October 25, 2003 to December 25, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 501285 the amount of \$195.00 to cover the fee for the extension.

The foregoing evidence demonstrates Applicant's timely Response to the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests further examination of the application, as amended, reconsideration of the objections and rejections, and allowance of the application. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this communication, the undersigned can be contacted to expedite the resolution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael F. Hay', written over a horizontal line.

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